

REMARKS

Claims 16-31 remain in this application. Claim 16 was amended in this response. No new matter has been introduced as a result of the amendment. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 16-20 and 25-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by *Haartsen* (US Patent 6,028,853). Claims 21-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Haartsen* (US Patent 6,028,853) in view of *Nykanen* (US Patent 6,661,784). Claims 29-31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Haartsen* (US Patent 6,028,853) in view of *Siu* (US Patent 6,522,651). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

Specifically, the cited art, alone or in combination, fails to disclose the recited configuration of amended claim 16, where two interfaces are utilized for communication networks operating under different communication standards. Support for the amended features may be found on page 6, line 29 to page 7, line 25 of document WO 00/08874, which the present application claims priority from. Under the described arrangement, the first radio interface can be configured according to one standard (e.g., DECT), while the second radio interface can be configured according to a second standard (e.g., MC-CDMA, MC-DS-CDMA) without undue interference. Furthermore, using the arrangement of the terminating units having additional interfaces, a first (public) communication network may be connected to a second (private) communication network or even incorporate the second (private) communication system into the first (public) one.

In contrast, *Haartsen* does not disclose network terminating facilities but a number of terminal devices which are connected to one another via an adhoc network. Furthermore, *Haartsen* teaches that all connections are controlled via the same air interface.

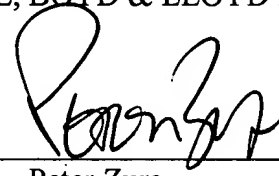
In light of the above amendments and arguments, Applicants submit that claims 16-31 are allowable. Applicants respectfully submit that the patent application is in condition for allowance and request a Notice of Allowance be issued. The Commissioner is authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. 02-1818 for any additional fees associated with the submission of this Response. Please reference docket number 112740-145.

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